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1. ACCORDING TO FCO EC/ACP OFFICER (CROMPTON), NEWS
ACCOUNTS CITED IN REFTEL ARE IN ACCORD WITH HMG PERCEP-
TIONS. A RECENT POLL OF UK POSTS IN ACP COUNTRIES
(COUPLED WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO APPROACH HOST GOVERN-
MENTS) ELICITED THE CONSENSUS (NOT NECESSARILY SHARED BY
UK MISSION EC BRUSSELS) THAT A HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH BY
THE EC MIGHT VERY WELL BE ACCEPTED BY THE ACP STATES IN
AN 11TH-HOUR TURNABOUT, WITH THE ACP STATES TAKING THE
OFFENSIVE FOR THE APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS
TO EC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR THE RECOGNITION
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OF "ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS" AS A STANDARD FOR TRADE AND
AID CONCESSIONS.

2. FCO CONTACT SUGGESTED THAT ACP ATTITUDE TOWARDS
HUMAN RIGHTS APPEARED TO DEPEND LARGELY ON THE PRIVATE
VIEWS OF THE CURRENT ACP SPOKESMAN. HE RECALLED
GUILLABERT, ACP RAPPORTEUR AT CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AT MASERU, NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER
1, 1977, WELCOMED THE DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
CONTEXT OF LOME NEGOTIATIONS -- WITH THE COROLLARY THAT
ONE MUST ALSO DISCUSS THE RIGHT TO WORK, SHELTER AND
FOOD. THIS, OUR CONTACT SAID, WAS UNSURPRISING, GIVEN
GUILLABERT'S CLOSE PERSONAL AND INTELLECTUAL RELATIONSHIP
TO SENGHOR.

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